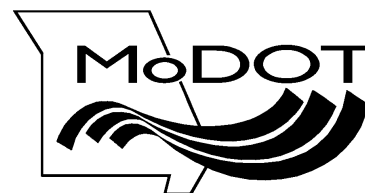


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Bids Advertised for Ferry Service at Glasgow

MACON – On Friday, March 21, MoDOT advertised a Request for Bids (RFB) to provide a ferry service at Glasgow during the upcoming bridge closure. Following a required two-week advertising period, MoDOT will open bids for the service on April 4 at 10:00 a.m.

“Receiving bids is the next step in determining whether the private sector has an interest in providing a ferry service and what the actual cost of the service would be. Once we know what the ferry service will cost, we will be in a position to determine how much funding will be needed and whether the service is affordable,” said MoDOT District Engineer Dan Niec.

MoDOT had previously worked with the Glasgow Alternate Transportation Committee, made up of representatives of the community, to determine the details of the proposed service. The RFB requires the ferry to operate 12 hours per day, 7 days per week. The service will operate from 6:30 am to 6:30 pm, and will be capable of transporting at least 12 passenger cars per trip. A fare of \$6 will be charged for each passenger vehicle and \$24 for oversize vehicles.

The over \$14 million project was awarded in January. The current timeline as the project moves forward is:

Begin Bridge Closure Window	June 1, 2008
Maximum Bridge Closure Days	365 calendar days
End Bridge Closure Window	Sept. 1, 2009
Project Completion Date	Dec. 31, 2009

For more information contact the MoDOT District 2 Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK MoDOT (275-6636). The center is open Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or visit our website at <http://www.modot.org/northcentral>.

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